

Request for Tenders dated 18 September 2026

Phase Three: Forensic Frameworks for the provision of services of suitably qualified and experienced professionals to assist in the excavation, recovery and analysis of human remains

Lot 1: Geomatics Assistant

Lot 2: Forensic Laboratory Technicians

Tender procedure: Open procedure

Tender Deadline: 16 October 2026 - 12:00pm (noon)

Query Deadline: 07 October 2026 - 12:00pm (noon)

1. INTRODUCTION

The Institutional Burials Act 2022 (the "**Act**") provides the underlying legislative basis for an intervention, whereby the remains of those who died in residential institutions, and who were buried in a manifestly inappropriate manner, may be recovered and re-interred in a respectful and appropriate way. The Act provides for the forensic excavation, recovery, analysis (including individualisation and establishing of the causes and circumstances of death where possible), identification (if possible) and re-interment of remains at an intervention site.

In October 2022, the Government made an Order under the 2022 Act to direct the establishment of an independent Office, headed by a Director, to lead an intervention at the site of the former Mother and Baby institution in Tuam, Co. Galway. The Office of the Director of Authorised Intervention, Tuam ("**ODAIT**") was formally established by the Institutional Burials Act 2022 (Establishment of Office of Director of Authorised Intervention, Tuam) Order 2023 on 20 March 2023. The Institutional Burials Act 2022 (Extension of period of operation of Office of Director of Authorised Intervention, Tuam) Order 2024 extends the operations of the ODAIT until 30 June 2027. A further Ministerial Order will be required for the ODAIT to continue its operations beyond that date.

The Office is headed by the Director of Authorised Intervention, Tuam. The functions assigned to the Director include excavation, recovery, analysis and identification of remains. The Director is also empowered to obtain records and other pieces of information from sources including a range of public bodies. At the end of the process the Director will either return remains to family members or arrange for a respectful re-interment in consultation with family members.

It should be understood that this project is large in scale and complexity and will require the recovery of commingled human remains. It is understood that the human remains to be recovered are those of infants and young children who died between 1925 and 1961.

The main objectives of the intervention can be summarised as: affording dignity to the children who were manifestly inappropriately interred at the Tuam site by reburying them in a respectful manner and if possible, identifying them and establishing circumstances and causes of death.

Please see www.odait.ie for further information on the ODAIT office and its functions.

Current Requirements

ODAIT, acting as the contracting authority, hereby invites tenders from suitably qualified and experienced professionals ("**Tenderers**") to provide various services relating to the excavation (single context method), recovery and analysis of human remains from the Tuam Site.

ODAIT wishes to procure **two multi-party frameworks** of specialist service providers to facilitate the excavation (single context method), recovery and analysis of human remains and associated evidence, under forensic control, from the Tuam site in accordance with the Institutional Burials Act 2022 and international best practice.

Forensic specialists will assist ODAIT to carry out its functions on official ODAIT facilities including the laboratory facility within the ODAIT mortuary and the site.

Each multi-party framework will be procured under a separate Lot. The Lots being procured are as follows:

LOT 1 – Geomatics Assistant - Director seeks the services of a Geomatics Assistant to gather and processing all geospatial data on the excavation and will report to the Geomatics Supervisor or in their absence the Site Co-ordinator. Maximum daily rate applicable: €420 (ex VAT) per day. **A maximum of 10 economic operators will be awarded a Framework Agreement under this Lot.**

LOT 2 – Forensic Laboratory Technicians – Director seeks the services of **full-time** osteological trained technicians (BA/BSc) to serve on a multidisciplinary team undertaking the excavation, preparation and analysis of human remains from the Tuam Site in accordance with the Institutional Burials Act 2022 and forensic best practice. ODAIT reserves the right to require personnel to attend at the site to carry out services. Maximum daily rate applicable: €350 (ex VAT) per day. **A maximum of 20 economic operators will be awarded a Framework Agreement under this Lot.**

ODAIT estimates that the aggregate expenditure on the services to be covered by the proposed Framework Agreements (all Lots) may amount to some €1,365,000 (excl. VAT). This figure is an estimate only and is not binding on ODAIT.

Further details of each of the services required under each Lot are set out in **Appendix 1**.

Tenderers may apply for one or more Lots. Each Lot is a separate competition. There is a maximum number of Frameworks Agreements that may be awarded under each Lot (see above).

An economic operator can propose in its tender more than one person to be assigned work (but is not obliged to propose more than one person).

Each successful Tenderer under each Lot will be awarded a Framework Agreement. Services will only be procured pursuant to service contracts which may be drawn down under the Framework Agreements in accordance with the cascade procedure set out in clause 5 thereof ("**Service Contracts**"), as required by ODAIT.

No services are to be provided unless a Service Contract is awarded. The award of a Framework Agreement does not guarantee that a Service Contract will be awarded or that any volume or value of services will be procured. The award of a Service Contract does not guarantee that any volume or value of services will be procured thereunder.

The draft form of Framework Agreement and the Service Contract to be used has been issued separately with this RFT. Neither the Framework Agreement nor the Service Contract is open to negotiation.

A Framework Agreement, if awarded, shall continue (subject to any earlier termination in accordance with its terms) until the later of:

- (a) 30 June 2027; or

- (b) where a Ministerial Order extends the operations of ODAIT beyond 30 June 2027, a date which is 18 months after commencement of the Framework Agreement.

Where a Ministerial Order extends the operations of ODAIT beyond 30 June 2027, the parties may agree to extend a Framework Agreement by up to two periods of up to 9 months each.

A Service Contract, if awarded, shall continue (subject to any earlier termination in accordance with its terms) until the later of:

- (a) 30 June 2027; or
- (b) where a Ministerial Order extends the operations of ODAIT beyond 30 June 2027, a date which is 18 months after commencement of the Service Contract.

Where a Ministerial Order extends the operations of ODAIT beyond 30 June 2027, the parties may agree to extend a Service Contract by up to two periods of up to 9 months each.

Please note that as pre-conditions to the award of any Service Contract:

- (a) the service provider must provide evidence that it has the required insurances in place;
- (b) the service provider must provide evidence that it is tax compliant;
- (c) the service provider must provide evidence that it holds a valid Safepass (issued pursuant to the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013) for each individual proposed to provide services;
- (d) the service provider must provide evidence that manual handling training has been undertaken by each individual proposed to provide services;
- (e) the service provider must provide evidence of visas or work permits required in respect of individuals proposed to provide services;
- (f) the service provider must submit DNA reference samples for each individual proposed to provide services to the Forensic Science Ireland (FSI) for inclusion in the site DNA exclusion database which is part of the FSI (Historic Remains) Database;¹ and
- (g) each individual proposed to provide services must enter into a confidentiality agreement with ODAIT (in the form set out in Appendix 3 of the Framework Agreement).

¹ This is pursuant to Section 61 Institutional Burials Act 2022. Any DNA reference samples shared will be managed in line with ODAIT's data protection policy and kept only for the duration of the project after which they will be destroyed. Personal information provided with a DNA sample will be held on a restricted Database, only accessed by the Forensic Science Ireland staff working on the Identification Programme;
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Those engaged to provide services will be required to work as part of a multi-disciplinary team under the management of ODAIT's Forensic Laboratory Coordinator and/or the Site Coordinator, as applicable.

All service providers are required to be on site during normal working hours on official ODAIT facilities including the laboratory facility within the ODAIT mortuary and the site.

Please note that personal mobile phone use is strictly prohibited on official ODAIT facilities including the laboratory facility within the ODAIT mortuary and the site. Secure storage will be provided during working hours for personal devices.

Please note that while the primary base per Lot is specified within the role descriptions, flexibility in base attendance may be required across ODAIT facilities as directed.

All services are to be provided in accordance with the standards in the Institutional Burials Act 2022 and Irish archaeology, osteoarchaeology, anthropology, odontology, photography and forensic standards and practices, based on knowledge and understanding of the site, laboratory facility within the ODAIT mortuary and experience in forensic archaeology.

2. TENDER REQUIREMENTS

This competition is being conducted in accordance with the open procedure under the European Union (Award of Public Contracts) Regulations 2016.

Economic operators who are interesting in applying for any Lot are required to complete and return the **Tender Response Documents** issued with this RFT - i.e.:

- (a) Tender Response Document – Qualitative Submission (TRD-QS); and
- (b) Tender Response Document – Cost Submission (TRD-CS).

ODAIT encourages Tenderers with the relevant skillsets to apply for more than one Lot. If a Tenderer applies for more than one Lot, a separate Tender Response Document will need to be submitted for each Lot applied for.

Both Tender Response Documents are to be submitted to ODAIT via the 'electronic tenderbox' available on www.etenders.gov.ie. before **noon on Friday, 16th of October 2026** ("Tender Deadline"). **Late tenders will not be accepted.** It is Tenderer's responsibility to submit on time.

PLEASE NOTE: In order to submit a Tender Response Document to the electronic tenderbox, Tenderers must click on the “paper plane” icon first and then on the “Submit” button. After the “Submit” button has been clicked, in the event that Tenderers need to modify or change any aspect of their Tender before the Tender Deadline, the Tender Response Document in its entirety will need to be re-submitted. Tenderers should be aware that the “Submit” button will be disabled automatically at the Tender Deadline.

Tender Response Documents submitted by any other means (including but not limited to by email, fax, post or hand delivery, etc.) will NOT be accepted.

Tenders submitted in soft copy must be compiled such that they can be read immediately (and be fully searchable) using Microsoft Word or a PDF Reader. ODAIT is not responsible for corruption in electronic documents. Tenderers must ensure electronic documents are not corrupt.

3. EVALUATION

Tenders for each Lot will be evaluated in accordance with the following procedure:

(a) Selection Criteria

Tenderers are required to satisfy the selection requirements set out in Part 3 of the Tender Response Document ("**Selection Criteria**"). These are:

1. **Grounds for exclusion** – at this stage, Tenderers are required to confirm if any grounds for exclusion apply. If successful, Tenderers will be required to provide a solemn declaration to this effect (in the form set out in Appendix 1 of the Tender Response Document - Qualitative Submission (TRD-QS)).
2. **Insurance requirements** – at this stage, Tenderers are required to confirm that either they have, or that they will have before any Framework Agreement is concluded, a quote from an insurance broker for all of the required insurances².

(b) Award Criteria

In respect of each Lot, Tenderers who satisfy or confirm that they satisfy the Selection Criteria will proceed to be evaluated against the Award Criteria (and weightings) set out below:

Award Criteria	Available Mark	Minimum Mark Required
Criterion A: Understanding of requirements	200	120
Criterion B: Quality and expertise of the personnel	500	300
Cost	300	Not applicable

Quality

If page count limits are exceeded, additional information in excess of the permitted page count shall not be considered by evaluators.

² Required insurances are specified in the Tenderer's Response Document - Qualitative Submission (TRD-QS). Prior to being awarded a Service Contract, successful Tenderers will be required to provide evidence of the required insurances being put in place.

The following scoring methodology will be used to evaluate the responses to each of Criterion A and Criterion B.

Weighting	Meaning
91% - 100%	An excellent response, with very few or no weaknesses, that demonstrates a complete understanding of requirements and provides comprehensive and convincing assurance that the Tenderer will deliver to an excellent standard.
80% - 90%	A very good response that demonstrates real understanding and fully meets the requirements and assurance that the Tenderer will deliver to high standard.
60% - 79%	A satisfactory response which demonstrates a reasonable understanding of requirements and gives reasonable assurance of delivery to an adequate standard but does not provide sufficiently convincing assurance to award a higher mark.
30% - 59%	A response where reservations exist. Lacks full credibility/convincing detail, and there is a significant risk that the response will not be successful.
1% - 29%	A response where serious reservations exist. This may be because, for example, insufficient detail is provided, and the response has fundamental flaws, or is seriously inadequate or seriously lacks credibility with a high risk of non-delivery.
0%	No Response

The minimum qualifying mark required for Criterion A is 60%. Evaluators shall agree the score for each Tenderer's response to Criterion A by consensus. If a Tenderer fails to achieve this minimum mark for its response to Criterion A, the tender submission shall be deemed non-compliant and the Tenderer **shall be excluded** from the Competition for the Lot in question.

Under Criterion B, one or more CVs may be proposed. Each CV will be evaluated and will be scored using the methodology described above. Evaluators shall agree the score for each CV by consensus. The minimum qualifying mark required for each CV proposed under Criterion B is 60%. If a Tenderer fails to achieve this minimum mark for any CV under Criterion B, that CV shall be deemed ineligible and shall be excluded from the tender; the remainder of the CVs and the tender will be evaluated. If a Tenderer proposes only one person and that person's CV fails to achieve 60% of the available marks, the whole tender shall be **eliminated** from the Competition for the Lot in question. Where multiple CVs are proposed in a tender for a Lot, the average score of those CVs which achieve 60% of the available marks will be calculated in order to generate an overall score for that Tenderer under Criterion B.

ODAIT may contact referees to verify the accuracy of information contained in CVs. If a satisfactory reference is not obtained, or, if ODAIT is unable to verify information provided with the referee, the CV in question shall be deemed ineligible and shall be excluded from the tender; the remainder of the CVs and the tender will be evaluated.

Cost

Cost proposals are to be submitted in a separate document - **Tender Document Response: Cost Submission (TRD-CS)**. No cost information is to be provided in this Tender Response Document – Qualitative Submission (TRD-QS).

Cost proposals will be evaluated as follows. Tenderers must submit a single daily rate for each Lot they are applying for. If a Tenderer is applying for more than one Lot, it may propose different daily rates for each Lot. The maximum daily rates that can be tendered are as follows:

- Lot 1: Maximum daily rate - €420 (ex VAT)
- Lot 2: Maximum daily rate - €350 (ex VAT)

The Tenderer that proposes the lowest daily rate in a Lot will receive 100% of the weighted marks available, with all other Tenders for that Lot being scored using the formula below.

Lowest Tendered Daily Rate

_____ x Maximum marks available (300)

Tendered Daily Rate under evaluation

Under each Lot, Quality and Cost scores will be aggregated for each Tenderer. The total number of marks available to a Tenderer under a Lot is 1,000.

In the event that two or more Tenderers receive the same score out of 1,000 and where only one place remains to be filled under the Lot, the Tenderer who scores highest for Quality will be considered to be the higher ranking.

Under each Lot, Tenderers (who satisfy all the minimum scoring requirements) will be ranked from the highest scoring to the lowest scoring and Framework Agreements will be awarded to those Tenderers in order of ranking, up to the maximum number permitted under the Lot in question (see section 1 above), **provided that:**

- (a) the Tenderer is able to provide evidence necessary to satisfy Selection Criteria - i.e.:
 - (i) solemn declaration(s) that none of the Exclusion Grounds apply³
 - (ii) evidence that either they have a quote from an insurance broker for all of the required insurances;
- (b) the Tenderer is able to provide evidence that they are tax compliant;
- (c) any references obtained confirm the information provided by the Tenderer; and
- (d) there are no legal obstacles to the award of Framework Agreements.

Tenderers that are not compliant with the rules of the Competition or do not satisfy the above conditions will not be eligible to be awarded a Framework Agreement.

A standstill period shall apply under each Lot, in accordance with the European Communities (Public Authorities' Contracts) (Review Procedures) Regulations 2010.

³ See Appendix 1 of the Tender Response Document (TRD-QS).
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Successful tenderer(s) must sign and return Framework Agreements in duplicate to ODAIT within such period as ODAIT may specify. A signed Framework Agreement returned by a successful Tenderer is not binding on ODAIT until ODAIT has signed the Framework Agreement and returned it to the tenderer.

Detailed rules on the conduct of the competition are set out in the General Rules set out in **Appendix 2**.

4. QUERIES

All queries relating to any aspect of this Competition or this RFT must be submitted via www.etenders.gov.ie. Queries will be accepted no later than **noon on 7th October 2026** unless otherwise specified by ODAIT. Please do not contact ODAIT via any other means.

All responses to queries will be issued by ODAIT via the messaging Facility on www.etenders.gov.ie. Tenderers should note that ODAIT will not, in general, respond to individual Tenderers privately (unless the query is confidential or commercially sensitive in nature).

ODAIT reserves the right, at any time before the Tender Deadline, to update or amend the information contained in the RFT or any other document it issues, or to extend the Tender Deadline. Tenderers will be informed of any such changes through the eTenders website.

Tenderers should ensure that they register their interest in this Competition, by clicking on the “Accept” button on www.etenders.gov.ie, in order to receive all responses to queries and other updates.

APPENDIX 1 – SCOPE OF SERVICES UNDER EACH LOT

Lot 1: Geomatics Assistant

The Director seeks the services of a Geomatics Assistant to undertake work as part of a multidisciplinary team to excavate (single context), record and recover human remains and associated evidence and artefacts from the site of the former 'Mother and Baby Institution' at Tuam, Co. Galway. The excavation of the site will take place under the Institutional Burials Act (2022) which requires all excavation work to be conducted under forensic control. The successful tenderer will be required to adhere to these standards on site as directed.

The Geomatics Assistant will gather and processing all geospatial data on the excavation and will report to the Geomatics Supervisor or in their absence the Site Co-ordinator.

The primary purpose of this post is to undertake the capturing and processing of geospatial data from excavations on site in Tuam and to produce plans, illustrations, and 3D models for reports; including digital illustrations of human remains from both modern and archaeological contexts.

The successful candidate will have demonstrable experience of working with geospatial data, processing photogrammetric and other 3D data, working with georeferenced data, digitising of archaeological site plans and sections and plans, and other general archaeological illustration.

The successful tenderer must, at the date of commencement of work, hold a valid Safepass and Manual Handling Certificate. Please note that when working on site ODAIT team members do not have access to their personal mobile phones during working hours.

It is noted that this is a full-time 5-day per week role where the tenderer must, for the duration of the work, reside in Ireland. The site working hours are from 08:00-17:00.

The provision of this service requires the individual to have a minimum of 4 years' experience in Archaeology/Forensic Archaeology, which must include: a minimum of 1 year of experience in Archaeological Geomatics, or equivalent.

The successful tenderer will also be required to have obtained either an undergraduate degree in Geomatics/Survey, forensic archaeology/archaeology with a substantial Geomatics component, or related field.

Principal duties of a **Geomatics Assistant**:

- The Geomatics Assistant is a member of the Forensic Excavation Team.
- Undertake the capturing and processing of geospatial data from the excavation in Tuam.

- Produce plans, illustrations and 3D models for reports, including digital illustrations of human remains from both modern and archaeological contexts.
- Process photogrammetric and other 3D data.
- Work with georeferenced data.
- Digitalise archaeological site plans and sections and other general archaeological illustration.
- Preparation of maps and illustrations for weekly, quarterly and final reports, as required by the Geomatics Supervisor, Site Coordinator and other Senior Forensic Team members.
- Any general duties as directed by the Site Coordinator.

DNA Reference Samples

The successful tenderer will be required to submit a DNA reference sample to Forensic Science Ireland (Historic Remains) Database for the site DNA exclusion database. Any DNA reference samples shared will be managed in line with ODAIT's data protection policy and kept only for the duration of the project after which they will be destroyed. Your personal information provided with your DNA sample will be held on a restricted Database, only accessed by the FSI staff working on the Identification Programme.

Lot 2: Forensic Laboratory Technicians

Forensic Laboratory Technicians (FLT) are osteological trained forensic support staff responsible for completing tasks that expedite the excavation, processing, and analysis of osteological remains on the ODAIT Site and at the laboratory facility within the ODAIT Forensic Mortuary.

FLTs assist with tasks on site and in lab, including cleaning remains, post-excavation processing of soils and human remains recovered during excavation and assistance with all other tasks requested by the Site and Laboratory Teams. They report to Site Coordinator (on site) or Forensic Laboratory Coordinator (laboratory)

An FLT engages and coordinates with other, more senior members of the forensic excavation team and laboratory staff, including the Site Supervisor, Senior Osteoarchaeologist, Evidence Managers, Forensic Archaeologists, Laboratory Analysts, Forensic Odontologist and Forensic Photographers. Their duties are not typically analytical in nature but rather involve the preparation (e.g., cleaning, drying), sieving, documentation (e.g., scanning) and sorting of osteological remains. An FLT may also be tasked with workspace-maintenance duties (e.g., sweeping, sanitising work surfaces). All FLTs ensure that these support duties are carried out in line with ODAIT standard operating procedures (SOPs) and provide input to necessary meetings.

Principal duties of an ODAIT Forensic Laboratory Technician (FLT)

- Reporting to work daily at the ODAIT facilities in Tuam.
 - Including site and laboratory facilities, as determined by project needs.
- Cleaning remains and other duties surrounding remains preparation and stabilisation.
- Sieving, sorting, and other duties surrounding the detection of remains within excavated sediments.
- Drying sediments and other duties surrounding the preparation of sediments for sieving.
- Documentation of remains via 3D scanning, if requested.
- Digitisation (2D scanning), compiling, and collating notes and other case documents.
- Maintaining chain of custody and other protocol for the handling of forensic evidence
- Daily preparation and cleaning of work and laboratory areas.
- Otherwise completing support duties instructed by the Site or Laboratory Coordinator or as tasked by other senior staff (e.g., Forensic Archaeologists, Laboratory Analysts) with the approval and oversight of the Site or Lab Coordinators.
- Following of all site and laboratory SOPs and protocols, and contribution to their updating as required.
- Participation in all required meetings.
- Participation and contribution towards maintaining an optimal team environment.
- Attendance at other ODAIT facilities, as required.
- Any other relevant duties as may be assigned by the Site or Lab Coordinators as required.
- Ability to stand for long periods of time and work in outdoor environments.

The provision of this service requires a Forensic Laboratory Technician to have a Bachelor's degree in Biological Anthropology, Human Osteoarchaeology or similar and a minimum of 2 years' experience

handling human osteological remains. It is desirable to demonstrate experience in working with co-mingled and/or infant and/or sub-adult skeletal human remains, as well as analysis in a forensic context.

DNA Reference Samples

The successful tenderer will be required to submit a DNA reference sample to Forensic Science Ireland (Historic Remains) Database for the site DNA exclusion database. Any DNA reference samples shared will be managed in line with ODAIT's data protection policy and kept only for the duration of the project after which they will be destroyed. Your personal information provided with your DNA sample will be held on a restricted Database, only accessed by the FSI staff working on the Identification Programme.

APPENDIX 2 – GENERAL RULES

1. The RFT supersedes and replaces any and all previous documentation, communications and correspondence between ODAIT and Tenderers, and Tenderers should place no reliance on such previous documentation and correspondence.
2. While every effort has been made to provide comprehensive and accurate information in all notices and documents prepared for the purposes of this Competition, ODAIT does not accept any liability or provide any express or implied warranty in respect of any such information. Tenderers must form their own conclusions about the solution needed to meet the requirements set out in the RFT and may wish to consult their legal advisers.
3. ODAIT does not bind itself to accept the lowest priced or any Tender. The RFT does not constitute an offer or commitment to enter into a Framework Agreement. No enforceable commitment of any kind will exist unless and until a formal written Framework Agreement has been executed by or on behalf of ODAIT.
4. ODAIT may cancel the Competition under any individual Lot at any time prior to a formal written Framework Agreement being executed by or on behalf of ODAIT. The award of a Framework Agreement does not confer exclusivity on any successful Tenderer. Any notification of 'preferred bidder' status by ODAIT shall not give rise to any enforceable rights by a Tenderer.
5. Tenderers, as Data Controllers in respect of any Personal Data provided by them in their Tender Response Documents, are required to confirm therein that all Data Subjects whose Personal Data is provided by the Tenderer have consented to the processing of such Personal Data by the Tenderer, ODAIT and the supplier of the etenders.gov.ie website, for the purposes of the participation of the Tenderer in the Competition or that the Tenderer otherwise has a legal basis for providing such Personal Data to ODAIT for the purposes of participation in the Competition. Capitalised terms used in this paragraph have the meaning given to them under Irish data protection law.
6. Tenderers are required to comply with the rules of this Competition. If a Tenderer fails to submit a compliant Tender Response Document or to comply in any respect with the Competition rules, ODAIT reserves the right to reject the Tenderer as non-compliant or, without prejudice to this right and subject to its obligations at law, to take any other action it considers appropriate including but not limited to (a) seeking written clarification or further information from the Tenderer; (b) seeking further information from the Tenderer; or (c) waiving a requirement, which in ODAIT's view, is not material or is merely procedural.
7. Where a group of undertakings (in whatever form and regardless of the legal relationship between them) come together to submit a Tender Response Document, ODAIT will deal with all matters relating to this Competition through a single nominated entity authorised to represent all members of the group of undertakings. The Tenderer must provide details of all members of the group of undertakings and their role in the Tender Response Document and clearly and comprehensively set out the contact details of the nominated entity authorised to represent the Tenderer and to whom all communications shall be directed. Correspondence from any other person will NOT be accepted, acknowledged or responded to.
8. Where a Tenderer is relying on the resources of another entity in order to meet the requirements of the Tender Response Document, any such third party entity shall be required to confirm whether any of the grounds for exclusion apply to it (and a Declaration to this effect will be required if the Tenderer is successful in the Competition).

9. All costs and expenses incurred by Tenderers relating to their participation in this Competition including, shall be borne by and are a matter for discharge by the Tenderers exclusively.
10. Tenderers should be aware that, under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2014, information provided by them during this Competition may be liable to be disclosed. Tenderers are asked to consider if any of the information supplied by them in their Tender Response Document should not be disclosed because of its confidentiality or commercial sensitivity. If Tenderers consider that certain information is not to be disclosed because of its confidentiality or commercial sensitivity, Tenderers must, when providing such information, clearly identify the specific sections of their Tender containing such information and specify the reasons for its confidentiality or commercial sensitivity. For the avoidance of doubt, Tenderers may not assert confidentiality or commercial sensitivity over the entire Tender but must clearly identify the specific section containing such information. If Tenderers do not identify information as confidential or commercially sensitive, it is liable to be released in response to a request under the above legislation without further notice to or consultation with the Tenderer. ODAIT will, where possible, consult with Tenderers about confidential or commercially sensitive information so identified before making its decision on a request received. ODAIT accepts no liability whatsoever in respect of any information provided which is subsequently released (irrespective of notification) or in respect of any consequential damage suffered as a result of such obligations.
11. It will be a condition of any Framework Agreement pursuant to this Competition that the successful Tenderer shall, for the term of such contract(s), comply with all applicable EU and domestic tax laws. Tenderers are referred to www.revenue.ie for further information. Prior to the award of any Framework Agreement arising out of this Competition, a successful Tenderer shall be required to supply its Tax Clearance Access Number and Tax Reference Number to facilitate online verification of their tax status by ODAIT. By supplying these numbers, the successful Tenderer acknowledges and agrees that ODAIT has the permission of the successful Tenderer to verify its tax cleared position online.
12. Any conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest on the part of a Tenderer must be fully disclosed to ODAIT as soon as the conflict or potential conflict is or becomes apparent. In the event of any actual or potential conflict of interest, ODAIT may invite Tenderers to propose means by which the conflict of interest might be removed and in circumstances where there are links between Tenderers, ODAIT may seek further information to confirm the Tenders have been prepared independently. ODAIT will, at its absolute discretion, decide on the appropriate course of action, which may in appropriate circumstances include eliminating a Tenderer from this Competition or terminating any Services Contract entered into by a Tenderer.
13. Any Registrable Interest involving any Tenderer or Subcontractor and ODAIT, any members of the Government, members of the Oireachtas, or employees and officers of ODAIT and their relatives must be fully disclosed in the Tender Response Document or, in the event of this information only coming to the notice of the Tenderer or subcontractor after the submission of a Tender Response Document, must be communicated to ODAIT immediately upon such information becoming known to the Tenderer/subcontractor. The terms "Registrable Interest" and "Relative" shall be interpreted as per Section 2 of the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001, copies of which are available at www.irishstatutebook.ie. ODAIT will, in its absolute discretion, decide on the appropriate course of action, which may in appropriate circumstances include eliminating a Tenderer from this Competition or terminating any Framework Agreement and / or Services Contract entered into by a Tenderer.